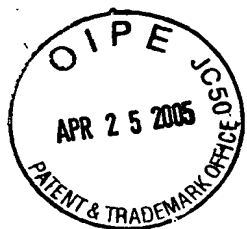


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the below-identified pending utility or plant application:

Serial No.: 10/009 205

Filing Date: December 4, 2001

Title: PACKAGING MATERIAL AND PACKAGED PRODUCT

Inventors: (1) Hiromichi INAGAKI and (2) Sakaru TAKAHASHI

Group: 1772

Examiner: Watkins III

Please direct correspondence to the address associated with the following customer number:

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FLYNN, THIEL, BOUTELL & TANIS, P.C.
(FIRM)

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. ☒ An amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on March 23, 2005 was not entered. Please enter before calculating the filing fee.

b. ☒ Enclosed is/are:

i. ☐ Amendment/Response (please enter before calculating the filing fee)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Acknowledgment Post Card

v. ☒ Letter to Examiner.

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☒ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.
☐ Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.

b. ☐ _____.

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. \$1.114 when the RCE is filed).

- a. ☒ The RCE fee and any filing fee for claims are calculated as shown below, after entering any amendments which this transmittal indicates are to be entered prior to such calculation:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	() LG Entity	RATE	(X) SM Entity	Fee
Basic RCE Fee				\$790.00	\$395.00	\$395.00
Total Claims	(13 - 20 = 0)		x \$ 50.00		x \$ 25.00	
Indep. Claims	(9 - 9 = 0)		x 200.00		x \$100.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dep. Claim			+ \$360.00		+ \$180.00	
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *						\$ 395.00

- b. ☒ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. \$1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by one month. The extension fee is:
☐ \$ (37 C.F.R. \$1.17)
☒ \$60.00 (37 C.F.R. \$1.17; small entity status established by verified statement(s) submitted previously).
- c. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. \$1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months). Suspension of action fee is \$_____ (37 C.F.R. \$1.17(i)).
- d. ☒ A check for \$455.00 is enclosed to cover fees.
- e. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 06-1382 in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- f. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17 associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The undersigned is: ☒ an attorney of record

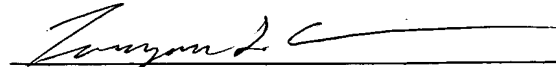
☐ acting under 37 C.F.R. §1.34.

Please direct all telephone calls to the undersigned at
telephone number (269) 381-1156.

Respectfully submitted,

FLYNN, THIEL, BOUTELL & TANIS, P.C.

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Encl: Listed above

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